

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 14th 1999

JY1 Silent Key

As you will have seen or heard on all the radio and TV news bulletins, King Hussein of Jordan, JY1 finally lost his long battle against non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a form of cancer, on Sunday last the 7th February. JY1 was on the air up to a few weeks ago and a few EI stations had contacts with him while he was undergoing treatment in the United States. Congratulations to Bernie EI6AX who got major coverage on the both the Press and TV for his contacts with JY1.

Worked All Mayo/Worked All Ireland

Members of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network plan to operate mobile in the county on Sunday Feb. 28th from 10am on 3.680MHz, to activate Mayo squares. Anyone interested in mainland squares is asked to contact John Corless EI7IQ on email, ei7iq@tinet.ie or John McDonnell EI6IR on telephone 094-60127. The club will endeavour to work any of the squares required.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group Theory Classes

Theory classes will commence in St. Ailbes' school, Rosanna Rd., Tipperary Town on Thursday 18th February. The course is being organised and tutored by Joe EI5GE. Joe has recently given practical demonstrations of Amateur Radio to Transition Year students at schools in Clonmel, Cashel, Cahir and Tipperary Town. This is the second course tutored by Ei5GE. Five students sat the exam from the previous course on the 3rd of December last and four passed. Two have received their callsigns, John EI6FOB and Dave EI6FQB. Anyone interested in pursuing the course should contact Joe on 062-54291.

Palestine

The International Telecommunications Union in it's Operational Bulletin Number 685 of February 1st 1999 has allocated the callsign prefix E4 for use by Palestine. Palestine will be added to the DXCC list effective October 1st 1999. Contacts made

with E4 stations after February the 1st 1999 will count for this new entity. Under DXCC rules, contacts with the deleted entity of Palestine made prior to June 30th 1968 do not count for this entity. There is no commonality of territory or administration.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00 pm, in the club's QTH at the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. All members are requested to attend.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Annual Sale

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club's annual bring and buy sale is being held as usual this year on Sunday February the 28th starting at 1100. There will be bring and buy stalls, commercial vendors and the usual refreshments available all day. The venue is Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, County Dublin, which is quite close to the new Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

Over eighty people attended the Wishing Well, Ballyvary, for the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network's public demonstration of Amateur radio on February 3rd. The club station, EI7MRE, was active on eighty meters SSB and on CW on forty and twenty meters. Several DX Stations were logged during the demonstration. Visitors from all over the county enjoyed the demonstration, and several licensed amateurs travelled from neighbouring counties, as well as one from the USA, for the event. Night classes in theory and regulations have commenced in Kiltimagh, with ten students enrolled for the course. The instructors are John Corless, EI7IQ and John McDonnell, EI6IR. The course will run to mid May, when it is hoped to stage the ODTR examination in the county.

EI Activity Day

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Wednesday and from experience it is felt that the annual EI activity day should be held on the Sunday following. Accordingly, all EI's are asked to make a special effort to get on the bands on Sunday March the 21st and clubs or groups are asked to consider activating some of the rarer counties. There is

still considerable overseas interest in the Worked All EI Counties Award and the Activity Day has been advertised widely in the overseas amateur radio press. South Dublin Radio Club have indicated their intention of travelling to County Leitrim for the event. Hopefully, the day will also be used to activate squares for the Worked All Ireland Award. Anyone planning any activity is asked to let the news team know of their plans.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ on 021-632444 during the day or at 021-883555 in the evening.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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